



From the Desk of Howard  
County Council  
Chairperson Calvin Ball

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# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

## Construction Edition

### Welcome!

In an effort to keep you informed, it's my pleasure to share a list of projects currently construction in District Two and their respective timelines. These projects may cause delays, so I encourage you to stay tuned, plan ahead and use caution when driving.

Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors. If you have any additional projects within District Two you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at [cbball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cbball@howardcountymd.gov) or my Special Assistant Kim Pruim at [kpruim@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kpruim@howardcountymd.gov).

### Thunder Hill Rd at Rt175

At my request, SHA and the County have been working in collaboration to improve walkability in Oakland Mills, specifically the pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Thunder Hill Road at Route 175. SHA will construct a crosswalk and the missing sidewalk in front of Walgreens. Construction is likely to begin in Fall of 2014, weather permitting.

### Blandair Park Interchange

This project is to construct an interchange directly from Rt175 into Blandair Park, minimizing the local traffic coming into Oakland Mills. The County is working with SHA planners to address hydraulic and environmental comments.

### Snowden River Park & Ride

This project will include the addition of 96 parking spaces. Utility relocation work has begun and a Notice to Proceed is likely to occur at the end of May 2014, weather permitting. The timeline for the project calls for approximately 70 working days.



### Rt 29 Widening Project UPDATE

#### Phase IA Extension of Old Columbia Road

This project is currently under construction and includes utility relocation and new roadway clearing. The extension of Old Columbia Road to Twin Knolls Road will permit SHA to close the at grade intersection at US 29 northbound. This project is expected to be completed by February 2015, weather permitting.

#### Phase 1B NB US29 Third Lane Widening & Noise Wall Construction

The contract bid was released on February 27, 2014 and SHA anticipates a Notice to Proceed will be issued to the successful bidder late May, weather permitting. The project is expected to be complete in September 2016, weather permitting. SHA is still in negotiations with the two remaining property owners on Gales Lane.

Noise walls will be constructed along the east side of NB US29 from Seneca Drive to MD175. The facilitate the construction of the noise walls to the south of the exit ramp from NB US29 to EB MD 175, the ramp must be relocated approximately 300feet to the north. During this time, traffic will be detoured to the west MD175 exit ramp and directed around the loop ramps of the MD175 interchange to return to east MD175.



## Deep Run ES Addition / Renovation

The construction document report was approved by the Board of Education on February 25, 2014. Bid packages are being prepared for bidding in May 2014.



## Thomas Viaduct MS Construction

This project will include the construction of a new middle school to serve the northeastern portion of the County. Polished concrete is complete on the second floor, ceilings are being installed and cabinets in classrooms are complete. The efforts have shifted to first floor finishes and exterior work. Permanent power is being extended to electrical panels throughout the building. Rooftop HVAC units are being energized. On schedule for completion in August 2014.

## Rt 103 near YMCA/Veterans ES

This project will be located on Rte 103/Montgomery Road next to the YMCA and Veterans ES across from the Long Gate Shopping Center. As currently submitted, it calls for 79 townhomes with the maximum density at 118 townhomes.

The Environmental Concept Plan (ECP) was approved by DPZ on March 11, 2014 and includes a conceptual design for storm water management, erosion and sediment control and the delineation of environmental features. The SDP (SDP 14-074) has been submitted and could take up to 9 months. Please contact Kim Flowers at [KFlowers@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:KFlowers@howardcountymd.gov) with any questions.



Listed below you will find updates on construction projects occurring along the Route 1 corridor.



## Route 1 Fire Station

A Fire Station will be constructed in the Route 1 corridor north of Route 175 near Montevideo Rd. The County is currently working with BGE to relocate a pole necessary to make the new intersection feasible.



## Route 1 at Ducketts Lane

SHA has completed a review of this intersection and determined a full color traffic signal control would be beneficial at this location. A Notice to Proceed is scheduled for October 15, 2014, as this is the date an approved SHA signal contractor awarded the project is permitted to begin work. They will have 90 days to complete the project. For details, call George Miller at 301-624-8140 or email [Gmiller2@state.md.us](mailto:Gmiller2@state.md.us)

## Rt 1: From 175 to Montevideo

This is a State Highway project to widen Route 1 near the intersection of Route 175 and make other improvements as needed. Currently, SHA is currently developing the plans to submit to the County, coordinating right-of-way land acquisitions necessary for the project, and working with BGE to relocate the utility poles.

## Route 1 at Assateague Drive

At my request, the County and SHA will coordinate efforts to improve pedestrian improvements at this intersection. Specifically, SHA will construct a crosswalk on the north side the intersection and the County will install a sidewalk along Assateague Drive from Route 1 right-of-way line to the end of the existing sidewalk (900+ft). At this time, there is no schedule as the goal is to coordinate County and SHA projects.

## Thank You For Following Along!

I hope you have found this information useful. If there are any projects you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov).

All the best,



Dr. Calvin Ball  
Howard County Chairperson  
*"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."*  
~ **Mattie Stepanek**